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EAST GRINSTEAD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year 1959

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE EAST GRINSTEAD
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1959.

The Report is prepared as indicated in Ministry of Health Circular No. 1/60 dated 8th January, 1960.

The Crude Death Rate is 13.43 as compared with 13.76 for 1958.

The Standardised Death Rate is 11.42 as compared with 11.6 for England and Wales. The Standardised Death Rate is obtained by the application of a "comparability factor" making allowance for the age and sex distribution of the district for comparison with England and Wales as a whole.

The Infantile Mortality Rate is 12.2 compared with nil for the previous year. (There were three deaths of infants under twelve months.)

The Birth Rate is 16.42 compared with 15.48 in 1958.

The Standardised Birth Rate is 15.93 compared with 16.5 for England and Wales.

There were no deaths amongst children under two years of age from enteritis and none from maternal causes.

There were no deaths from Scarlet Fever, Typhoid Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough or Measles.

For the thirteenth year in succession no case of diphtheria was notified.

No cases of food poisoning were notified during the year.

Diphtheria Immunisation and Vaccination against Smallpox.

The administration of the vaccination and immunisation service was centralised under the County Medical Officer of Health, at The County Hall, Lewes, with effect from 1st June, 1959.

Information on the numbers immunised is therefore given by the County Medical Officer, and is shown on page 9 of the report.

Housing.

SLUM CLEARANCE.

The following summary shows the state of the five-year programme at December 31st. The programme submitted by the Council in January, 1956 included 103 unfit houses.

1.	Number dealt with under Section 11, Housing Act, 1936 and Section 16, Housing Act, 1957	...	...	10
	under Section 25, Housing Act, 1936 and Section 42, Housing Act, 1957	...	...	62
2.	Houses in Council ownership declared unfit	...	...	15
3.	Houses known to be unfit but in respect of which statutory action has not yet been taken	...	...	16
4.	Houses in (1) subsequently made fit by their owners	...	...	9
5.	Number of families re-housed from unfit houses	...	...	22
6.	Number of families waiting to be re-housed	...	...	51

Council Housing.

The following information is given by the Housing Manager, Mrs. O. Wren.

COUNCIL PROPERTIES.

This year saw the demolition of cottages in Imberhorne Lane and the commencement of building 12 bed/sitting-room and 4 three-bedroom flats on the site. Stage 1 of the Glen Vue Scheme also began. This first stage will include 8 two-bedroom and 14 bed/sitting-room flats. Into the smaller units of accommodation it is hoped to transfer families from under-occupied Council properties.

Under-occupation of Council property continues to be a problem, although during the year families have been transferred whenever possible to more suitably sized accommodation.

Council properties now total 853 and there are 60 garages. A long waiting list proves the need for additional garages in the near future.

REPAIRS AND DECORATIONS.

During the year 1,267 orders for repairs to Council houses were issued following inspection. Tenants continue to be responsible for minor repairs and replacements.

During the period 78 properties were decorated internally. All Council properties are decorated throughout on a ten-year cycle and a scheme is in operation which allows tenants to obtain wall-paper from a local firm. The cost, up to a restricted sum, is paid by the Council; any excess of this sum is paid by the tenant. The scheme works very satisfactorily, and when the survey for decoration is made, all outstanding repairs are found and the necessary work carried out. By this means the Council's properties are being maintained to a high standard.

THE COUNCIL'S WAITING LIST.

Applicants on the Waiting List for Council property increased from 244 to 252. Eighty new applications were received during the year, but the List increased very little owing to removals from the district, rehousing by the Council, or in private houses.

Lettings during the year totalled 73 ; 46 of these were filled by transfer, 14 from the Waiting List, and 13 families were rehoused from unfit properties.

The Council's 'Points' Scheme, which assesses 'need' is still in operation, and proves a satisfactory method of allocation. Applicants are visited after a twelve-month 'waiting' period and are revisited on change of circumstances.

WELFARE.

During the year help was given to the Old People's Welfare Committee, to put into operation a voluntary Laundry Service for bed-ridden and other aged people. The Council gave a grant for a washing machine, and funds were raised voluntarily for other necessary machinery, *i.e.*, spin dryer, warm dryer, iron, rotary iron, etc. The scheme commenced on two half-days per week in September, and 20 homes were being served by the end of the year. It is hoped to increase this number in the near future.

Regular visits are made to aged people in Council properties and holidays have been arranged for the aged and other tenants in need of a rest.

JOHN PETRIE,
Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

(For comparison the figures for 1958 are shown in brackets)

Area	6,587 acres	
Registrar General's Estimated Population ...	14,370	(13,950)
Density of Population per acre	2.18	(2.1)
Rateable Value	£273,199	(£250,425)
Sum represented by a 1d. rate	£1,145	(£1,005)
Birth Rate per 1,000 population	16.42	(15.48)
Standardised Birth Rate	15.93	(15.01)
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population ...	13.43	(13.76)
Standardised Death Rate	11.42	(9.63)
Infantile Mortality Rate	12.2	<i>nil</i>
Number of Inhabited Dwellings	4,667	(4,486)

Births

LIVE BIRTHS	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	135	106	241
Illegitimate	3	2	5
Total Live Births	138	108	246
Birth Rate, per 1,000 population	16.42		
Comparability Factor	0.97		
Standardised Birth Rate	15.93		
STILL BIRTHS	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	4	3	7
Illegitimate	—	—	—
Total Still Births	4	3	7
Rate per 1,000 of the total births ...	28.45		

Deaths	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
	89	104	193

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population ...	13.43
Comparability Factor	0.85
Standardised Death Rate	11.42

Infantile Mortality	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Deaths of Infants under the age of 1 week	2	—	2
Deaths of infants under the age of 4 weeks	2	—	2
Deaths of infants under the age of 1 year	2	1	3

INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS ...	12.2
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VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1944-1958

YEAR	Estim- ated Popu- lation	Number of Births							Birth Rate	Number of Deaths			Death Rate	Infant's Deaths			Infant Death Rate	Natural increase of Births over Deaths
		Legitimate			Illegitimate					M	F	Total		M	F	Total		
		M	F	Total	M	F	Total											
1944	9,648	68	81	149	15	14	29	18.44	73	74	147	15.23	2	3	5	28.09	31	
1945	9,910	57	65	122	11	4	15	13.82	68	78	146	14.73	4	3	7	51.09	— 9	
1946	10,580	88	94	182	7	5	12	18.34	59	56	115	10.87	6	2	8	41.24	79	
1947	10,740	106	103	209	4	7	11	20.48	50	63	113	10.52	1	1	2	9.09	107	
1948	10,840	69	84	153	7	4	11	15.13	53	62	115	10.61	—	3	3	18.29	49	
1949	11,000	74	83	157	3	3	6	14.82	78	92	170	15.45	1	2	3	18.41	— 7	
1950	11,060	78	81	159	6	5	11	15.37	68	59	127	11.84	2	1	3	17.65	43	
1951	11,170	76	59	135	2	7	9	12.88	63	86	149	13.34	2	2	4	27.78	— 5	
1952	11,310	63	59	122	2	3	5	11.23	65	67	132	11.67	3	—	3	23.62	— 5	
1953	11,360	72	41	113	1	3	4	10.29	58	102	160	14.08	3	2	5	42.74	—43	
1954	11,820	77	71	148	3	4	7	13.11	69	86	155	13.11	4	—	4	25.81	—	
1955	12,220	60	80	140	3	—	3	11.7	77	86	163	13.34	3	—	3	20.98	—20	
1956	12,760	91	83	174	2	1	3	13.87	87	104	191	14.91	1	3	4	22.6	—14	
1957	13,340	108	100	208	3	2	5	16.72	93	106	199	14.92	1	1	2	9.39	14	
1958	13,950	118	89	207	4	5	9	15.48	95	97	192	13.76	—	—	—	—	24	
1959	14,370	135	106	241	3	2	5	16.42	89	104	193	13.43	2	1	3	12.2	53	

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE EAST GRINSTEAD URBAN DISTRICT

	Male	Female
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	—	1
Tuberculosis, Other	—	—
Syphilitic Disease	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—
Meningococcal Infections	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—
Measles	—	—
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	1	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	4	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	—	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	—	—
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	5	11
Diabetes	2	—
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	—	1
Coronary Disease, Angina	16	21
Hypertension with Heart Disease	10	13
Other Heart Disease	3	6
Other Circulatory Disease	10	18
Influenza	7	9
Pneumonia	3	1
Bronchitis	5	6
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	3	1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	3	2
Gastritis, Enteritis, and Diarrhoea	1	—
Nephritis and Nephrosis	—	—
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	—
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	2	—
Congenital Malformations	—	—
Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases	—	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	7	6
All other Accidents	2	2
Suicide	3	1
Homicide and Operations of War	1	1
ALL CAUSES	89	104

MORTALITY IN AGE GROUPS

AGE GROUPS	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Under 1 year	2	1	3
1—4	—	—	—
5—14... ..	—	—	—
15—24	1	1	2
25—34	1	—	1
35—44	5	2	7
45—54	5	3	8
55—64	10	16	26
65—74	31	22	53
75 and over... ..	34	59	93
TOTAL	89	104	193

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The following cases of infectious disease were notified during the year 1959

DISEASE	Cases Notified	Cases to Hospital	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	15	1	—
Whooping Cough	26	—	—
Measles	529	1	—
Tuberculosis	5	2	1
Pneumonia	2	—	11
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	—	—
Paratyphoid	1	1	—

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE IN AGE GROUPS

DISEASE	Age Groups									
	0	1	3	5	10	15	25	45	65	Total
Scarlet Fever	—	—	1	13	1	—	—	—	—	15
Whooping Cough	1	6	4	14	—	1	—	—	—	26
Measles	—	79	108	293	38	9	2	—	—	529
Tuberculosis	—	1	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	5
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Paratyphoid	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
TOTALS	1	86	113	320	39	11	6	3	—	579

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during the year 1959

AGE GROUPS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—24	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—34	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
35—44	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—54	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
55—64	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

TUBERCULOSIS

Summary of New Cases and Mortality during the Years 1944—1959

YEAR	NEW CASES					DEATHS				
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	
1944	5	3	1	2	11	—	—	—	—	—
1945	3	3	2	1	9	1	1	1	—	3
1946	3	2	3	1	9	—	—	—	1	1
1947	1	2	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—
1948	3	2	—	—	5	2	1	—	—	3
1949	4	2	—	—	6	2	1	—	—	3
1950	6	5	—	—	11	5	—	1	—	6
1951	12	5	—	—	17	—	—	1	—	1
1952	6	2	—	—	8	2	—	—	—	2
1953	3	4	—	—	7	—	1	—	—	1
1954	3	3	—	—	6	—	1	—	—	1
1955	2	4	1	1	8	1	—	—	—	1
1956	2	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—
1957	6	5	—	2	13	3	—	1	1	5
1958	1	1	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	1
1959	3	1	—	1	5	—	1	—	—	1

IMMUNISATION

(Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough)

DIPHTHERIA		AGE at date of final injection (as regards A) or of reinforcing injection (as regards B)			
		UNDER 1	1 to 4	5 to 14	TOTAL
A.—NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO COMPLETED A FULL COURSE OF PRIMARY IMMUNISATION IN THE AREA (including temporary residents) DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st December, 1959		241	20	2	263
B.—NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED A SECONDARY (REINFORCING) INJECTION (i.e., SUBSEQUENTLY TO PRIMARY IMMUNISATION AT AN EARLIER AGE) DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1959			11	122	133
WHOOPING COUGH		AGE at date of final injection			
		0—4 years	5—14 years	TOTAL	
NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE COMPLETED A PRIMARY COURSE (NORMALLY 3 INJECTIONS) OF PERTUSSIS VACCINE (SINGLY OR IN COMBINATION) IN THE AREA DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1959		261	2	263	

VACCINATION—YEAR ENDED 31st December, 1959

Age at Date of Vaccination	UNDER 1	1	2 to 4	5 to 14	15 or over	TOTAL
NUMBER VACCINATED ...	169	5	3	1	8	186
NUMBER RE-VACCINATED	—	—	2	17	57	76

CLEAN FOOD SUPERVISION

(1) Number of food premises in the area, by type of business :

Cafes	15	General Stores	22
Bakehouses	3	Public Houses	9
Hotels	4	Confectioners	21
Grocers	11	Greengrocers	12
Wine Merchants	5	Butchers	11
Corn Merchants	2	Chemists	7
Wayside Grocery Stores	2	Fishshops	6
Clubs	4	Dairies (Milk Depots)	3
Milk Shops	6		

(2) Number of food premises, by type, registered under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, or under local Acts, and the number of dairies registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949 :

Sale of Ice Cream	51
Preparation of Sausages	9
Preparation of Potted Food	Nil
Preparation of Pressed Food	Nil
Preparation of Pickled Food	11
Preparation of Preserved Food including Fried Fish	4
Dairies	9

(3) Number of inspections of registered food premises... 305

LABORATORY SERVICES

The services of the Public Health Laboratory at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton (Telephone : Brighton 63506) are available to this Department, and to Medical Practitioners in the district for the investigation of infectious disease.

The Laboratory is in a position to accept work such as the bacteriological and biological examination of milk, water, ice-cream foods and pathological specimens. Laboratory investigations of outbreaks of communicable disease, including the detection and elimination of carriers and other reservoirs of infection, are also carried out.

Containers may be obtained from the Laboratory or from this Department and specimens may be sent to the Laboratory *via* the Southdown Bus Company. Collections are made at the Brighton terminus at 2.30 p.m., and 4.30 p.m. (except on Sundays; on Saturdays only one collection is made at 12.30 p.m.).

Specimens for the Bacteriologist may be left at the Public Health Department, East Court, before 1 p.m., and will be placed on a bus in time to reach Brighton for the 4.30 p.m. collection.

The Laboratory is open to receive urgent specimens between 10 a.m. and 12 noon on Sundays, and in cases of extreme urgency during non-working hours, the Director of the Public Health Laboratory, Dr. J. E. Jameson, may be telephoned at Brighton 56960.

The following prophylactics are held at the Laboratory for issue free of charge to Medical Practitioners :

Vaccine Lymph,
Adult Serum for Measles Prophylaxis.

Other types of vaccine, anti-toxins, and serums are not held, but information regarding them may be obtained from the Director.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY SURVEY

The following particulars have been received from Dr. Rigden, Medical Director, East Sussex Radiography Unit, of the survey carried out in May, 1959.

	<i>East Grinstead</i>			<i>Ashurst Wood</i>		
	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Number of persons X-rayed	467	591	1058	84	137	221
ABNORMAL FILMS :						
Tuberculosis requiring close clinical supervision or hospital treatment ...	—	1	1	—	—	—
Tuberculosis requiring occasional clinical supervision	—	2	2	—	1	1
Malignant Disease ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sarcoidosis ...	—	1	1	—	—	—
Cardio-Vascular Diseases ...	5	1	6	—	1	1

WATER SUPPLY

Water for the greater part of East Grinstead is supplied by the South Eastern Gas Board. A few houses on the northern boundary at Felbridge are supplied by the East Surrey Water Company.

The South Eastern Gas Board have deep wells at Hackenden and Forest Row, and an additional supply is obtained from the reservoir of the Weir Wood Water Board.

The raw water is aerated, subjected to sedimentation, mechanical filtration, automatic superchlorination, and finally before going into supply, to de-chlorination to give a free residual of 0.1 p.p.m. of chlorine. A consistently safe and palatable water supply is thus assured.

Samples of water from each supply are regularly submitted to the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene by the South Eastern Gas Board for chemical and bacteriological examination.

The reports on all samples submitted during the year have indicated that the quality of the water supply to the area has been of a high standard, both chemically and bacteriologically.

It was not necessary to restrict the supply at any time throughout the year.

Approximately 4,600 dwelling houses have a piped water supply.

It is estimated that 12 premises are supplied by piped estate supplies and private wells.

HOUSING

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year :
 - (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 67
 - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 213
 - (2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932 ... 11
 - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 14
 - (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... 7
 - (4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... 42
2. Remedy of Defects during the year without the Service of Formal Notices :

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers 42
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year :
 - (a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957 :
 - (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs Nil
 - (2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice :
 - (a) By owners Nil
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... Nil

Proceedings under Public Health Acts :

 - (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... Nil
 - (2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :
 - (a) By Owners Nil
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... Nil
 - (c) Proceedings under Sections 16 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1957 :
 - (1) Number of representations, etc., made in respect of dwelling houses unfit for habitation 4
 - (2) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made... .. Nil
 - (3) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders Nil
 - (4) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which undertakings were accepted from Owners, Section 16 (4) :
 - (a) To render the house fit for human habitation ... Nil
 - (b) As to usage other than for human habitation... 1

(d)	Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957 :	
(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ...	Nil
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or rooms having been rendered fit ...	Nil
4.	HOUSING ACT, 1957—Overcrowding :	
(a)	(i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	Nil
	(ii) Number of families dwelling therein	Nil
	(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein	Nil
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	Nil
(c)	(i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	Nil
	(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases ...	Nil
(d)	Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority has taken steps for abatement for overcrowding... ..	Nil
5.	Number of New Houses erected during the year 1959 :	
(a)	State aided :	
	(i) By Local Authority	7
	(ii) By Private Enterprise (Public Utility Societies, etc.)	Nil
(b)	Without State aid	163

HOUSING

The number of families housed by the Council during the year was 14, and at 31st December, 1959, the number of applicants on the Council's waiting list was 252, an increase of 8 on the previous year's total. One hundred and sixty-three houses were built by private builders.

THE HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958 PART II - Sec. 30

The technical operation of the Improvements Grants scheme of the Housing Act remains delegated to this Department. The following table summarises the work during the year.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

	<i>Discretionary (The Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958, Part II)</i>						<i>Standard (The House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959, Part II)</i>	
	<i>Improvement</i>			<i>Conversion</i>			<i>Improvement</i>	
	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Owner-Occupied</i>	<i>Tenanted</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Owner-Occupied</i>	<i>Tenanted</i>	<i>Owner-Occupied</i>	<i>Tenanted</i>
Enquiries made	13	23	7	4	6	—	9	1
Approval refused by Tenant	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Application not approved by Council	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Applications approved and not proceeded with	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Applications approved and proceeded with	—	12	7	3	4	—	5	—
Completed by 31/12/1959	—	5	1	1	2	2	2	—
Total of Grants approved and proceeded with	—	£3,254	£2,273	£158	£1,427	£288	£386	—
Approved 1958 and completed 1959 ...	—	2	2	—	—	1	—	—

The works carried out include :

Provision of damp-proof courses	...	...	...	...	...	4
„ „ electric light	...	...	...	...	...	9
„ „ hot water for domestic purposes	...	...	...	...	...	12
„ „ internal water closet	...	...	...	...	...	10
„ „ bath in separate room	...	...	...	...	...	10
„ „ lavatory basin	...	...	...	...	...	10
„ „ sink and suitable arrangements for disposal of waste water	...	...	...	...	...	6
„ „ proper drainage system	...	...	...	...	...	7
„ „ adequate facilities for storing, preparing and cooking food	...	...	...	...	...	8
„ „ proper storage of fuel	...	...	...	...	...	9
„ „ additional natural lighting	...	...	...	...	...	4
„ „ approved grates	...	...	...	...	...	7

RENT ACT, 1957

Certificates of Disrepair

Number of applications during 1959	...	...	...	...	...	1
Number of applications granted	...	...	...	...	...	1
Number of applications refused	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Undertakings given by landlords	...	...	...	...	...	1
Number of certificates issued	...	...	...	...	...	1
Number of applications by landlords to Local Authority for cancellation of certificates	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of objections by tenants to cancellation	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants' objections	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Certificates cancelled by Local Authority	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Ambulance Service in East Grinstead is as follows :—

Number of Ambulances	...	Two.
Ambulance Station	...	Phillips Garage, 219b London Road, East Grinstead.
Telephone Number	...	East Grinstead 488.
Area served	...	East Grinstead, Forest Row, Hartfield, West Hoathly, Turners Hill, Crawley Down.

A day and night service is available for the conveyance of patients from within the County of East Sussex, who are unfit to travel either by public transport or by car. Calls are accepted from doctors, midwives and hospitals in the area. Cases of accident or sudden emergency are the only calls accepted from members of the public.

The ambulances are operated by the British Red Cross Society, by arrangement with the East Sussex County Council.

Cases of infectious disease are removed to isolation hospital in the above ambulances. After conveyance of infectious patients, the ambulances are disinfected before returning to normal service.

Patients able to travel by car are conveyed, on calls from doctors, midwives or hospitals, by Hospital Car Service. Details of this service are given below.

HOSPITAL CAR SERVICE

Area Transport Officer	...	Miss K. V. Byrne, 11a High Street, East Grinstead.
Telephone number	...	East Grinstead 1318.
Area served	...	East Grinstead Urban District, Uckfield Rural District, Cuckfield Rural District (Northern Half).
Office hours	...	Mondays to Fridays inclusive : 10 a.m. to 12 noon, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

SANITARY SUPERVISION

Housing Inspections

222	Inspections made under Housing Acts	...	...	...	128
141	Inspections made under Public Health Acts	...	...	...	85
240	Housing Act: Improvement Grants	...	...	...	509
	Certificates of Disrepair	...	...	...	9

Other Inspections

201	Meatshops and Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	208
42	Fishshops	...	...	...	...	63
2	Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	5
132	Other Food Premises	...	...	...	...	177
49	Public Houses and Hotels	...	...	...	...	60
174	Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	227
95	Petroleum Acts	...	...	...	...	71
21	Factory Acts (not included in other totals)	...	...	...	...	31
33	Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	86
13	Water Supplies	...	...	...	...	9
15	Smoke Observations	...	...	...	...	14
2507	Inspections under Pest Destruction Acts	...	...	...	...	2665
63	Other Miscellaneous Inspections	...	...	...	...	23
48	Complaints	...	...	...	...	48

SUMMARY OF MAIN DEFECTS ABATED IN TERMS OF PREMISES

26	Drains amended and repaired	...	...	...	...	28
11	Water-closets repaired, lighted and ventilated	...	...	...	...	6
5	Water-closets provided	...	...	...	...	5
8	Flushing apparatus repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	1
37	Roofs repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	13
41	Eaves gutters and downspouts renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	10
—	Rising dampness abated	...	...	...	...	12
37	Dampness <i>via</i> walls abated	...	...	...	...	11
4	House floors repaired	...	...	...	...	6
8	Chimneys repaired	...	...	...	...	11
3	Fireplaces repaired	...	...	...	...	1
15	Windows repaired or provided	...	...	...	...	11
4	Water supplies amended and provided	...	...	...	...	1
22	Dustbins provided	...	...	...	...	2
3	Cesspools emptied	...	...	...	...	2
4	Sewage disposal plants provided	...	...	...	...	1
1	Ditches cleansed	...	...	...	...	1
5	Sinks or wash basins provided	...	...	...	...	5
3	Baths provided	...	...	...	...	5

INSPECTION OF FOOD

During the year 513 visits were made to food premises, and below are details of the foodstuffs voluntarily surrendered as being unfit for human consumption.

TINNED FOODSTUFFS—

Meat ...	47 tins	Milk ...	1 tin	Vegetables	5 tins
Fruit ...	30 tins	Sprouts ...	1 tin	Livers ...	2 tins
Fish ...	6 tins	Chicken ...	1 tin		

OTHER—

Butter ...	...	...	112 lbs.	Wheat ...	...	1 ton
Sausages	...	...	2½ lbs.	Pumpernickel ...	6 pkts.	

FISH 20 stones

MEAT—

Beef ...	...	...	288 lbs.	Lipomatosis, heated and sour
Calf Liver	...	...	1	Pyæmic abscess.
Ox Liver	...	...	9½ lbs.	Substance friable.
Mutton :				
Livers ...	...	...	58	Fluke.
Pork ...	...	...	60½ lbs.	Tuberculosis, pleurisy and pericarditis.
Livers ...	...	...	3	Cirrhosis and milkspot.
Pluck ...	...	...	3	Pleurisy and actino bacillosis.

MILK

The following dealers' licences authorising the use of special designations were in force during the year ended 31st December, 1959 :

<i>Special Designation</i>	<i>No. of Licences</i>
Pasteurised	5
Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised)	9

CARCASSES OF ANIMALS INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	<i>Cattle ex Cows</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep and Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>
Number Killed... ..	nil	nil	67	755	583
Number inspected	nil	nil	67	755	583
All Diseases except Tuberculosis : Whole Carcase condemned ...	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	nil	nil	1	61	9
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than T.B.	nil	nil	1.49	8.08	1.54
Tuberculosis only : Whole carcasses condemned ...	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	nil	nil	nil	nil	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis ...	nil	nil	nil	nil	0.17

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 to 1959

During the year 110 inspections were made under the Factories Act, 1937.

1. **INSPECTIONS** for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

<i>Premises</i>	<i>No. on Register</i>	<i>Inspections</i>	<i>Written Notices</i>	<i>Occupiers Prosecuted</i>
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority ...	22	23	—	—
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	49	88	—	—
(3) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	71	111	—	—

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

PARTICULARS	<i>No. of cases in which defects were found</i>				<i>No. of cases where prosecutions were instituted</i>
	<i>Found</i>	<i>Remedied</i>	<i>Referred to H.M. Inspector</i>	<i>Referred by H.M. Inspector</i>	
Want of Cleanliness... ..	3	3	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of Floors	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences :—					
(a) Insufficient	4	4	—	3	—
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not Separate for Sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-workers)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	7	7	—	3	—

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959 (Continued)

Part VIII of the Act—Outwork

(SECTIONS 110 AND 111)

	Section 110			Section 111		
	<i>No. of Out-Workers in August List required by Section 110 (1) (c)</i>	<i>No. of Cases of default in sending in Lists to the Council</i>	<i>No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply Lists</i>	<i>No. of instances of Work in un-wholesome Premises</i>	<i>Notices served</i>	<i>Prosecutions</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing Apparel :						
Making, etc....	4	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cleaning and Washing ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

RODENT CONTROL

The Council employ one full-time Rodent Officer on Pest Destruction.

During the year 40 complaints were received. 2,665 visits under Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, were made, and 59 infestations treated.

Regular inspections have been made at the Eden Vale and Imberhorne Lane refuse tips, housing estates and other Council properties.

Infestations of 18 premises were found as a result of systematic survey which are made throughout the district.

A 10% test of sewers was completed in March, 1959, to the satisfaction of the Inspector from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

A nominal charge for rodent destruction is made to householders. Business premises are charged with the actual cost of treatment in accordance with agreement between the Council and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. No charge is made for subsequent inspection to ensure that the premises remain free from rats.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

This work is carried out by the Engineer and Surveyor's Department.

House refuse is collected weekly. Trade refuse is collected at the request of the trader concerned and charges at cost plus 15% are made.

Refuse is disposed of by tipping at Imberhorne Lane. Before being covered newly-tipped refuse is treated with gammexane insecticide to prevent breeding of flies.

Frequent inspections of the tips have been made to ascertain possible nuisance caused by rodents and flies.

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL WELFARE CENTRES

The following table shows the clinics held at the East Sussex County Council's Welfare Centre, Moat View, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

CLINICS

DAYS AND TIMES

Dental		
MOTHERS AND CHILDREN		
UNDER 5 YEARS	...	By appointment.
Child Guidance	...	By appointment.
Orthopaedic	...	Monday and Thursday mornings by appointment.
Diphtheria Immunisation and Vaccination	...	2nd Thursday each month—2.15 p.m.
Poliomyelitis Vaccination		2nd Tuesday in each month, 5.30—7.30 p.m. 3rd Wednesday in each month, 10.15 a.m.
Ante Natal—		
RELAXATION AND		
MOTHERCRAFT CLASSES		1st and 3rd Tuesday—2.15 p.m.
DISTRICT NURSES	...	4th Tuesdays—2.15 p.m.
CUCKFIELD HOSPITAL		
PATIENTS	...	3rd Wednesday each month—2.15 p.m.
Infant Welfare	...	Every Monday (except Bank Holidays)—2 to 4 p.m.
Speech Therapy	...	Every Tuesday—by appointment
Health Clinic	...	At Queen Victoria Hospital. Every Thursday—2 p.m.
The following Clinic is held at St. Dunstan's Hall, Maypole Road, Ashurst Wood:		
Infant Welfare		
WEIGHING SESSION ONLY	4th Tuesday every month—	afternoons

